

Abstract of the Disclosure

A closed-knife rod cutting machine is provided with air ejection apparatus for automatic discharge of cut rods. The gage pin is compliant in the direction of the knife return stroke to permit ejection of a lodged cut rod by the advancing rod stock. The free end of the compliant gage pin is tapered to assist in clearing cut rods loosely lodged in knife, and the gage pin is timed to retract when the knife engages the rod stock at the beginning of the cutting cycle.

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